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REMARKS

Claims 1-36 were originally presented in the subject application. Claims 1, 13 and 25 were amended in an Amendment and Response to Office Action dated June 4, 2004. Claims 37-48 have herein been added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention. No claims have herein been amended or canceled. Therefore, claims 1-48 remain in this case.

The addition of new matter has been scrupulously avoided. Support for new claims 37-48 can be found throughout the specification, for example, claims 1-12.

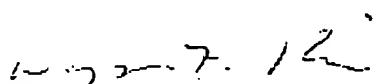
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the grounds of rejection, in accordance with the September 21, 2004 Response.

CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, Applicants maintain that the claims of the subject application define patentable subject matter and earnestly request allowance of claims 1-48.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

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